

**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
DRIVER TRAINING PROGRAM**

**Qualifications for initial approval of driver education instructors.**

Instructors teaching driver education to persons under 18 years of age shall:

- Possess a valid Michigan teaching certificate if planning on teaching in a public school setting. **(NOT required for driver training school instructors).**
- Possess a valid driver's license.
- Be at least 21 years of age.
- Have a personal driving record with no more than 6 points, as assessed by the secretary of state, for moving traffic convictions during the 2 years prior to making application for approval as a driver education instructor (or have been convicted of impaired driving during the 2 years prior to making application).

These are the criteria to be approved by the Department of Education. To work in a driver training school, driver training school instructors must also be licensed by the Department of State, Driver Training and Testing Division. Call (517) 241-6888 for more information. The requirements to be licensed are different, and must also be met to become a driver training school instructor.

For initial approval to teach driver education, an instructor, in addition to meeting the requirements specified above, shall have earned, through a college or university, the equivalent of 8 semester credits in driver education teacher preparation coursework, as approved by the state board of education. A temporary approval may be granted to teach driver education to an individual who has successfully completed 6 semester credits of approved driver education coursework.

**Driver Education - Teacher Preparation Universities**

Central Michigan University  
College of Extended Learning  
Greater Michigan Programs  
Mt. Pleasant MI 48859  
1-800-950-1144 (ext. 3716)  
Linda Bechtel  
(Classes are offered outside of the  
Mt. Pleasant area. Call for locations.)

Northern Michigan University  
Department of Industrial Technologies  
1401 Presque Isle Avenue  
Marquette MI 49855-5396  
(906) 227-2135  
Mr. William Rigby

Wayne State University  
HPER Department  
265 Matthaei  
Detroit MI 48202  
(313) 577-4265  
Carol Horn

Instructors completing the eight semester credits of teacher preparation coursework through the following programs would also be eligible for approval:

Bethel College	Warsaw, Indiana	(219) 267-5174 x2518
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National Credentialing Program (ADTSEA), offered through the Michigan Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association (MDTSEA)	1-800-419-9509
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